

Gaps	Discussion on Gaps
Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear authorities to screen and inspect invasive species</li> <li>• Coordination between federal and local groups.</li> <li>• Communication between regions within the state.</li> <li>• Regional disparities in data.</li> </ul>
Information and Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have very little information on invasive animals (both aquatic and terrestrial), climate, reproduction, level of threat, virus/fungi/bacteria/pathogens/micro organisms (sudden oak death).</li> <li>• Inventory of research and researchers.</li> <li>• Classifications listings and ranking of worst threats.</li> </ul>
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research on the market value of an information clearinghouse. <i>Roughly estimated cost of project: \$60,000-85,000 for a consultant/programmer for one year.</i></li> </ul>
Next Steps	Discussion on Next Steps
Workgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Information Clearinghouse workgroup should be assigned by the council.</li> <li>• Suggested participants: Web Master, IT experience, database expert, biological subject expertise, public outreach and policy expertise.</li> <li>• This group should control the quality of the information clearinghouse.</li> </ul>
Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct a research inventory. Survey who is doing invasive species research.</li> <li>• Ask each commission to give us their top ten invasive issues.</li> </ul>
Information Compiling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build data (for managers before public), research, control methods, informatics, ranking criteria for critical invasive species, educational links, response and reporting.</li> <li>• Include standard and international protocols.</li> <li>• Rank priorities for public and technical people.</li> </ul>
Gather Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a second workgroup to seek out funding sources. This group could also look at economic impacts, or do a risk analysis of invasive species. This work may allow for future funding too.</li> <li>• Public outreach usually brings funding.</li> <li>• We need to see what can be accomplished without a lot of money.</li> </ul>
Decide on Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• House the Information Clearinghouse at Recreation and Conservation.</li> </ul>

<p><b>RECOMMENDATION NO. 2</b></p> <p>Develop a Web-based information clearinghouse as the interchange for all existing invasive species information statewide.</p>	<p><b>Action 2.1</b> Develop a council budget package to support the development of the Web-based infrastructure necessary to house the clearinghouse.</p> <p><b>Action 2.2</b> Form a team to implement consistent, basic reporting format and standards for data input and review all information for technical accuracy before launching the Web site.</p> <p><b>Action 2.3</b> Working with partners, identify information and links to populate the clearinghouse.</p> <p><b>Action 2.4</b> Create the framework for the Web site, including existing resource lists.</p> <p><b>Action 2.5</b> Publicize clearinghouse and adaptively manage content.</p>
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